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Dear Mr. Jaworski:

This is in response to your letter received 21 May 2002 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/700,988 filed 20 November 2000. The application has been processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) was issued on 03 January 2001. A copy of that Notice is attached herewith for your convenience.

Sincerely,

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